

I oppose the proposal in RM-10810 that would eliminate the 5 wpm Morse code exam for General Class. CW is a valuable mode that will lose participation significantly if General applicants are not exposed to CW during liscense preparation and testing. Mr. Roux is almost on the right track with his proposal to reduce the number of liscense classes, but I think that Adadvanced Class should be eliminated and merged with Extra Class. There is currently very little difference in the requirement for Advanced and General Class. I propose that both the liscense requirement and the priveledges thus obtained be significantly different between each liscense class. General Class should retain the current theory and 5 WPM Morse testing requirment, and the current General Class liscense priveledges. Extra Class should require a comprehensive written exam and 15 WPM Morse requirement, and has priveledges equal to a merger of today's Advanced and Extra classes. Technician should stay at the current level of testing and priveledges, and Tech Plus should be deleted.